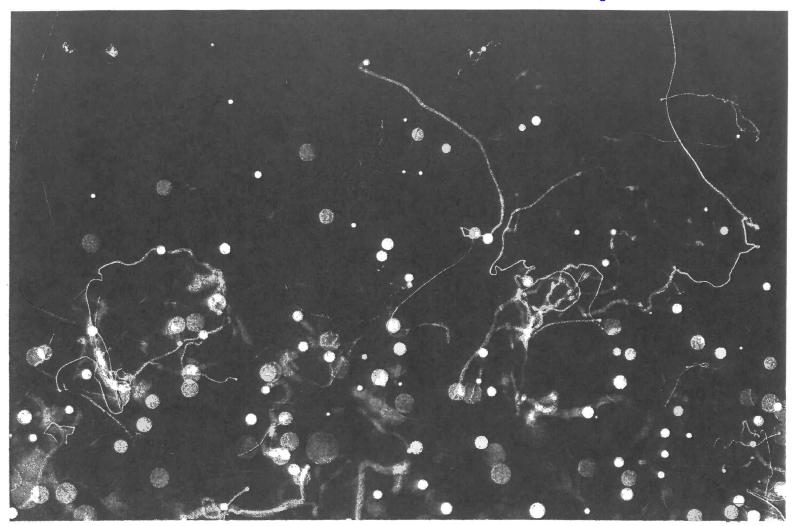
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A Letter to Our Readers

Welcome to the latest edition of Wolters Kluwer ELM Solutions Real Rate Report®, the industry's leading data-driven benchmark report for lawyer and paralegal rates.

Our Real Rate Report has been a relied upon data analytics resource to the legal industry since its inception in 2010 and continues to evolve, providing you with the most comprehensive rate benchmarking insights, trends, and practices. The Real Rate Report is powered by the Wolters Kluwer ELM Solutions LegalVIEW® data warehouse, which has grown to include \$160B+ in anonymized legal data.

The depth and granularity of the data within the Real Rate Report empowers users to benchmark and negotiate effectively and make well-informed investment and resourcing decisions for the organization.

As with previous Real Rate Reports, our data is sourced from corporations' and law firms' e-billing and time management solutions. We have included lawyer and paralegal rate data filtered by specific practice and sub-practice areas, metropolitan areas, and types of matters. This level of detail gives legal departments and law firms the precision they need to identify areas of opportunity. We strive to make the Real Rate Report a valuable and actionable reference tool for legal departments and law firms.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions on what information would make this publication more valuable to you. We thank our data contributors for participating in this program. And we thank you for making Wolters Kluwer ELM Solutions your trusted partner for legal industry domain expertise, data, and analytics and look forward to continuing to provide market-leading, expert solutions that deliver the best business outcomes for collaboration among legal departments and law firms.

Sincerely.

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Report Use Considerations

2023 Real Rate Report

- · Examines law firm rates over time
- Identifies rates by location, experience, firm size, areas of expertise, industry, and timekeeper role (i.e., partner, associate, and paralegal)
- · Itemizes variables that drive rates up or down

All the analyses included in the report derive from the actual rates charged by law firm professionals as recorded on invoices submitted and approved for payment.

Examining real, approved rate information, along with the ranges of those rates and their changes over time, highlights the role these variables play in driving aggregate legal cost and income. The analyses can energize questions for both corporate clients and law firm principals.

Clients might ask whether they are paying the right amount for different types of legal services, while law firm principals might ask whether they are charging the right amount for legal services and whether to modify their pricing approach.

Some key factors¹ that drive rates²:

Attorney location - Lawyers in urban and major metropolitan areas tend to charge more when compared with lawyers in rural areas or small towns.

Litigation complexity - The cost of representation will be higher if the case is particularly complex or time-consuming; for example, if there are a large number of documents to review, many witnesses to depose, and numerous procedural steps, the case is likely to cost more (regardless of other factors like the lawyer's level of experience).

Years of experience and reputation - A more experienced, higher-profile lawyer is often going to charge more, but absorbing this higher cost at the outset may make more sense than hiring a less expensive lawyer who will likely take time and billable hours to come up to speed on unfamiliar legal and procedural issues.

Overhead - The costs associated with the firm's support network (paralegals, clerks, and assistants), document preparation, consultants, research, and other expenses.

Firm size – The rates can increase if the firm is large and has various timekeeper roles at the firm. For example, the cost to work with an associate or partner at a larger firm will be higher compared to a firm that has one to two associates and a paralegal.

¹ David Goguen, J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law (2020) Guide to Legal Services Billing Retrieved from: https://www.lawyers.com/legal-info/research/guide-to-legal-services-billing-rates.html

² Source: 2018 RRR. Factor order validated in multiple analyses since 2010

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Section I: High-Level Data Cuts

All data and analysis based on data collected thru Q2 2023

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Cities

By Matter Type

2023 - Real Rates for Associate and Partner

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City	Matter Type	Role	п	First Quartile	Median	Third Quartile	2023	2022	2021		
Richmond VA	Non-Litigation	Associate	41	\$382	\$539	\$689	\$557	\$505	\$474		
Rochester NY	Non-Litigation	Partner	10	\$414	\$453	\$530	\$477	\$461	\$341		
Sacramento CA	Non-Litigation	Partner	13	\$425	\$527	\$632	\$554	\$534	\$559		
		Associate	11	\$286	\$353	\$425	\$355	\$341	\$321		
Salt Lake City UT	Litigation	Partner	11	\$348	\$398	\$481	\$398	\$372	\$333		
	Non-Litigation	Partner	43	\$338	\$376	\$471	\$413	\$390	\$363		
		Associate	12	\$240	\$290	\$300	\$294	\$252	\$247		
San Diego CA	Litigation	Partner	42	\$278	\$438	\$551	\$533	\$533	\$572		
		Associate	28	\$170	\$240	\$302	\$298	\$271	\$258		
	Non-Litigation	Partner	75	\$385	\$495	\$944	\$655	\$703	\$672		
		Associate	54	\$226	\$336	\$420	\$359	\$375	\$378		
San Francisco CA	Litigation	Partner	115	\$436	\$750	\$1,124	\$801	\$744	\$712		
		Associate	76	\$341	\$450	\$718	\$537	\$523	\$517		
	Non-Litigation	Partner	173	\$563	\$796	\$1,035	\$812	\$769	\$755		

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Cities

By Matter Type

2023 - Real Rates for Associate and Partner

Trend Analysis - Mean

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Cities

By Years of Experience

2023 - Real Rates for Partner

Trend Analysis - Mean

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21 or More Years	11	\$456	\$524	\$632	\$562	\$563	\$508
Fewer Than 21 Years	17	\$365	\$375	\$412	\$375	\$368	\$334
21 or More Years	22	\$353	\$475	\$533	\$473	\$425	\$392
Fewer Than 21 Years	21	\$429	\$477	\$845	\$628	\$603	\$612
Fewer Than 21 Years	69	\$588	\$798	\$1,067	\$830	\$754	\$706
21 or More Years	114	\$580	\$889	\$1,059	\$854	\$803	\$772
Fewer Than 21 Years	17	\$736	\$987	\$1,504	\$1,068	\$1,025	\$934
21 or More Years	43	\$688	\$846	\$1,315	\$1,037	\$997	\$991
Fewer Than 21 Years	45	\$325	\$543	\$715	\$601	\$530	\$451
21 or More Years	82	\$495	\$616	\$798	\$650	\$629	\$578
Fewer Than 21 Years	22	\$350	\$436	\$498	\$435	\$415	\$424
21 or More Years	46	\$324	\$460	\$583	\$466	\$450	\$434
Fewer Than 21 Years	21	\$315	\$348	\$595	\$439	\$428	\$394
21 or More Years	29	\$350	\$540	\$590	\$519	\$485	\$508
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Section IV: In-Depth Analysis for Select US Cities

San Francisco CA

By Practice Area and Firm Size

2023 - Real Rates for Associate and Partner

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Practice Area	Firm Size	Role	n	First Quartile	Median	Third Quartile	2023	2022	2021
Commercial	501-1,000 Lawyer	s Partner							
			11	\$575	\$736	\$998	\$809	\$938	\$873
		Associate							
			17	\$360	\$432	\$674	\$547	\$586	\$518
Corporate: Other	501-1,000 Lawyer	s Partner							
•	,		24	\$770	\$995	\$1,232	\$1,059	\$990	\$894
	More Than 1,000 Lawyers	Partner	13	\$931	\$1,080	\$1,305	\$1,147	\$1,102	\$1,039
Corporate: Regulatory and Compliance	More Than 1,000 Lawyers	Partner	11	\$746	\$829	\$941	\$847	\$781	\$813
		Associate							
			11	\$456	\$503	\$683	\$560	\$519	\$545
Insurance Defense: Other	201-500 Lawyers	Partner							
	,		38	\$255	\$280	\$285	\$370	\$318	\$356